# "Quarterly Review"

# Selected Financial and Operational Data:

#### Re:

### Electric Companies

- Carolina Power & Light Company, d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.
- Dominion North Carolina Power
- Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation
- Nantahala Power and Light Company

### Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies

- North Carolina Natural Gas
- Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
- Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.

### **Telecommunications Companies**

- ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.
- BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
- Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company
- Central Telephone Company
- Citizens Telephone Company
- Concord Telephone Company
- LEXCOM Telephone Company
- MEBTEL Communications
- North State Communications
- Verizon South Inc.

<sup>■</sup> Quarter Ending December 31, 2004 ■



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

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FROM:

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Operations Division

The Operations Division hereby presents for your consideration the *Quarterly Review* for the calendar quarter ending December 31, 2004. Such report, which has been prepared by the Operations Division, presents an overview of selected financial and operational information and data for 17 major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the Commission.

Among other things, this Report, reflects certain revisions with respect to certain amounts previously reported for Dominion North Carolina Power (Dominion), Concord Telephone Company (Concord), and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont).

Dominion's revisions, which are largely reflected in Appendix A, concern information, as previously reported for the 12-month periods ending December 31, 2001, December 31, 2002, and December 31, 2003. As set forth in the Order Approving Stipulation, issued in Docket No. E-22, Sub 412, dated March 18, 2005, Finding and Conclusion No. 25 required that Dominion provide revised ES-1 Reports, recalculated to take into account the presumed regulatory assets, deferred income taxes, and amortizations set forth in Sections 10 and 11 of the Stipulation and Agreement dated March 8, 2005. In particular, in Section 10, Dominion agreed to "record and amortize for North Carolina regulatory accounting purposes (a) regulatory assets related to the North Carolina retail portion of the above-market portion of its buyouts of the LG&E, Gordonsville, Mecklenburg, Multitrade, Commonwealth Atlantic, and Panda Rosemary non-utility generation (NUG) contracts, and (b) related deferred income tax savings." And, in Section 11, for North Carolina regulatory accounting purposes, Dominion

agreed to "record and amortize a regulatory asset and the related income tax savings associated with the North Carolina retail portion of Hurricane Isabel repair and restoration expenses."

On June 16, 2005, Dominion provided the Commission and the Public Staff with revised quarterly ES-1 Reports for the 12-month periods ending March 31, 2001 through March 31, 2005. Consequently, revisions to certain information contained in the December 31, 2003 issue of the *Quarterly Review* are necessary, in order to reflect the recalculation of Dominion's North Carolina retail jurisdictional returns necessitated by the Order Approving Stipulation issued on March 18, 2005. Those changes have now been made and are reflected on Page 16, Columns (c), (d), and (e) of this report.

The Concord revision pertains to information as previously reported for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003. Hereinafter, on Page 27, Column (c), Lines 1 through 15 have been revised to reflect both interstate and intrastate data based upon a revised 2003 Annual Report recently provided by Concord. The data previously provided by Concord in the 2003 Annual Report related to intrastate operations only. In its 2004 Annual Report, Concord's data is based upon its interstate and intrastate operations. Consequently, in this report, Concord's 2003 data have been revised in order to provide a proper comparison to Concord's 2004 data.

Additionally, Appendix B, which concerns Piedmont, has been included in this report to reflect revisions of certain data previously provided in error in an earlier report. Such matters are explained more fully in Appendix B.

Should you have questions concerning the report, Freda Hilburn, Barbara Sharpe-Unruh, or I will be pleased to be of assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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# Part I

# Introduction

The purpose, structure, focus, and an abbreviated synopsis of the nature of the contents of this report is presented here.

The Quarterly Review has been designed and is structured so as to provide, in a clear and concise format, relevant and useful financial and operational information pertaining to 17 major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission): four electric companies, three natural gas local distribution companies, and ten telecommunications companies. The primary focus of this report is one of a jurisdictional financial nature. However, albeit limited, certain jurisdictional operational information is also included.

To a vast extent the information presented herein is organized into individual company overviews. The data presented covers a period of five years, except for the eight price regulated telephone companies for which only two years of data are presented. From a general viewpoint, the individual company overviews, excluding to a certain extent those of the price regulated telephone companies, for which information is strictly limited, provide information that users of this report will find helpful from the standpoint of gaining insight into each company's jurisdictional financial standing and in acquiring a sense of the magnitude of each company's overall jurisdictional economic dimension.

Significant changes have taken place with regard to reporting requirements for the price regulated telephone companies, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003, as a result of further relaxed regulation of the telecommunications industry. Due to these changes, the financial and operational data submitted to the Commission by such companies are significantly less comprehensive than that previously provided. In consideration of the foregoing and to accommodate the new format in which data for the price regulated telephone companies will now be presented, data for years prior to 2003 are not included herein for the price regulated telephone companies.

The aforementioned reporting requirement changes for the price regulated telephone companies were implemented by Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, and as previously indicated, were effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. Specifically, in the present regard, the April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the TS-1 Report previously submitted annually by the price regulated telephone companies. Consequently, beginning with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2003 Quarterly Review, which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no

longer provided. Further, the information provided by six<sup>1</sup> of the eight price regulated telephone companies is presented on a total North Carolina combined basis, including both their regulated and nonregulated operations, as that is what is now being provided to the Commission. The information provided by the other two<sup>2</sup> price regulated telephone companies is presented, as provided by those two companies, on the basis of their respective North Carolina regulated operations.

This report has been prepared solely for the use of the Commission. The responsibility for developing and preparing the report is that of the Commission's Operations Division (Division). The preponderance of the information and data included in and/or on which the report is based has been provided by the companies. Such data has not been audited or otherwise verified. Therefore, the Division, although it believes the aforesaid data to be true and correct in each and every respect, cannot and does not offer any attestation in that regard.

#### A Specific Objective

A specific objective of this reporting process is to present to the Commission, on an ongoing basis, meaningful information regarding the financial viability of the subject companies, including the reasonableness of the overall levels of rates and charges currently being charged by jurisdictional utilities, whose rates are cost based, for their sales of services. Cost based regulation is synonymous with rate base, rate of return regulation.

Under rate base, rate of return regulation, the cost of service of a public utility is defined as the sum total of reasonable operating expenses, depreciation, taxes, and a reasonable return on the net valuation of property used and useful in providing public utility services. Therefore, the reasonableness of a public utility's rates is a function of the reasonableness of the level of each individual component of its cost of service.

The reasonable return component of the cost of service equation refers to the overall rate of return related to investment funded by all investors, including debt investors as well as preferred and common equity investors. The costs of debt capital and preferred stock, which are essentially fixed by contract, must be deducted from revenue, like all other components of the cost of service, in determining income available for distribution to common stockholders. Therefore, generally speaking, a very meaningful measure of the profitability of any utility, and consequently the reasonableness of its overall rates and charges, is the return earned on its common shareholders' investment, i.e., its return on common equity, over some specified period of time. Typically, such returns are measured over a period of one year. Thus, annual returns on common equity and certain other key financial ratios, which among other things give significant perspective to the common equity returns, are the focal points of this report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The six companies are ALLTEL Carolina, Inc., BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, Central Telephone Company, Concord Telephone Company, and Verizon South Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The two companies are MEBTEL Communications and North State Communications.

#### The Key Financial Ratios

Specifically, the key financial ratios presented herein for use in reviewing the companies' financial viabilities, including their profitability and consequently the reasonableness of their rates and charges are (1) the return on common equity, (2) the common equity capitalization ratio, (3) the pre-tax interest coverage ratio, and (4) the overall rate of return.

#### The Return on Common Equity

As indicated, the return on common equity is a key financial indicator which measures the profitability of an enterprise from the standpoint of its common stockholders over some specified period of time. That return or earnings rate reflects the ratio of earnings available for common equity to the common-equity investors' capital investment. As previously stated, the ratio is significant because it traditionally represents profitability after all revenues and costs, other than the cost of common equity capital, have been considered. From the standpoint of measuring profitability, return on common equity is indeed "the bottom line".

#### The Common Equity Capitalization Ratio

The common equity capitalization ratio is the ratio of common equity capital to total investor-supplied capital of the firm. That ratio is significant because it is a major indicator of the financial riskiness of the firm, particularly from the standpoint of the common stockholders. The issuance of debt capital, assuming no offsetting decrease in preferred stock, decreases the common equity capitalization ratio, and its existence creates what has come to be known as financial leverage. The risk borne by shareholders that accompanies that leverage is known as financial risk. As the proportion of debt in the capital structure increases, so does the degree of financial leverage and thus shareholders' risk and consequently the shareholders' requirements regarding expected return, i.e., the expected return on common equity or, in regulatory jargon, the cost of common equity capital.

Alternatively, the financial riskiness of the firm, some might argue, is more appropriately revealed when expressed in terms of debt leverage, particularly when preferred stock is present in the capital structure. Such leverage is the ratio of long-term debt capital to total investor-supplied capital. Both approaches are clearly insightful and useful. In evaluating the superiority of one approach in comparison to the other, one should consider the context within which the information is to be used. Since a major objective of this report is to review the reasonableness of the levels of earnings of the companies' common stockholders, and in consideration of the other key financial benchmarks which are also presented herein, the common equity capitalization ratio appears to be the most appropriate and meaningful measure of the financial riskiness of the companies for use in this regard.

#### The Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio

The pre-tax interest coverage ratio is the number of times earnings, determined before consideration of income taxes and interest charges, cover annual interest charges. That financial indicator is particularly important to debt investors because holders of the company's outstanding debt, including long-term bonds, receive interest payments from the company before any earnings are determined to be available for distribution to preferred or common equity investors. Pre-tax interest coverage is measured before income taxes because interest expense is deductible in arriving at taxable income. Therefore, generally speaking, debt holders can expect to be paid before the company incurs any liability for the payment of income taxes. From the debt holder's perspective, all other things remaining equal, the higher the pre-tax interest coverage the better.

#### The Overall Rate of Return

The overall rate of return measures the profitability of a firm from the standpoint of earnings on total investment, including investment funded by both debt and equity investors. Specifically, in the public utility regulatory environment, it is the ratio of operating income to total investment.

#### The Propriety of the Methodology

The foregoing financial benchmarks, as presented in this report, have been determined on the basis of the companies' actual operating experience. Under rate base, rate of return regulation, North Carolina statutes require that the companies' rates be determined on a normalized, pro forma, end-of-period basis based upon a historical test year. Stated alternatively, the Commission, in setting prospective rates, essentially, must take into account the company's current level of operations adjusted for known and material changes in the levels of revenues and costs that the company can reasonably be expected to experience over a reasonable period of time into the future. Thus, rates, which are established for use prospectively, are set, to a certain extent and within certain constraints, on the basis of revenue and cost expectations, including investor expectations regarding their return requirements, as opposed to simply setting prospective rates solely on the basis of actual operating experience.

The process of setting prospective rates is inherently and exceedingly time consuming, difficult, and otherwise costly to both companies and regulators. It involves the assimilation, investigation, and evaluation of enormous amounts of complex information and data which invariably leads to multifarious issues; many, if not most, of which must be resolved through adjudication.

It is far less difficult and costly to perform an intellectual, financial analysis of the need to undertake the aforesaid process. Such preliminary analysis avoids the unnecessary incursion of the immense costs of setting prospective rates. Those are precisely the reasons why this report is focused on a review of the returns on common equity and other key financial ratios which the companies are currently earning or achieving under their existing rates and charges. Those ratios, when considered in conjunction with statutory rate making requirements, prevailing economic conditions, and certain other financial indicators, including returns on common equity and overall rates of return currently being authorized by other public utility regulatory agencies, are meaningful indicators of the need, if any, for further, more extensive regulatory review.

From the standpoint of giving an added measure of meaning to the aforesaid ratios of the individual companies and in the interest of providing a sense of current financial market conditions, certain financial information has been included herein as notes to the first statement included in Part II of this report. Such notes are an integral part of this report.

Additionally, also from the standpoint of providing perspective, returns on common equity and overall rates of return currently being authorized by a number of other public utility regulatory agencies are provided in the second statement presented in Part II.

#### A Final Note

It is emphasized that the information contained in this report is not intended and should not be construed to be all inclusive from the standpoint of the criteria to be used in assessing the reasonableness of the companies existing rates. But rather, it is submitted that such information is clearly relevant to such a determination and as such should be considered in conjunction with all other pertinent information and data.

The Operations Division will be pleased to receive and respond to any questions or comments.

# Part II

# A Review of Key Financial Ratios

- Summary Statement of Key Financial Ratios For 17
  Selected Companies For The Twelve Months Ended
  December 31, 2004 Returns on Common Equity,
  Overall Rates of Return, Common Equity
  Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios And Certain
  Rate Case Data
- Statement of Authorized Returns on Common Equity and Overall Rates of Return Granted By Various Public Utility Regulatory Agencies As Reported By Public Utilities Reports. Volume Nos. 233-240 from June 2004 Through May 2005

#### **Summary Statement**

#### Of Key Financial Ratios Achieved By And Authorized For Selected Companies

"Estimated Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return,

Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios are for Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2004,

Except for Certain Telecommunications Companies - See Note [1]"

"Rate Case Data are from Orders with Various Issue Dates as Indicated in Column (i)"

		Estimated for 12 Months Ended 12/31/04			12/31/04	Authorized - Last Rate Case				
Line <u>No.</u>	<u>item</u> (a)	Return On <u>Equity</u> (b)	Overall Rate of <u>Return</u> (c)	Equity <u>Ratio</u> (d)	Debt <u>Ratio</u> (e)	Return On <u>Equity</u> (f)	Overall Rate of <u>Return</u> (g)	Equity <u>Ratio</u> (h)	Date of Last <u>Order</u> (i)	
	Electric Companies									
1.	Carolina Power & Light Company	8.62%	7.28%	51.07%	48.02%	12.75%	10.45%	44.00%	08/05/1988	
2.	Dominion North Carolina Power	13.01%	9.00%	47.21%	50.19%	N/A	N/A	N/A	03/18/2005	
3.	Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation	13.63%	9.66%	54.15%	44.35%	12.50%	10.44%	49.82%	11/12/1991	
4.	Nantahala Power and Light Company	7.82%	7.61%	54.15%	44.35%	12.10%	10.32%	56.11%	06/18/1993	
	Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies									
5.	North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation	7.54%	7.10%	54.18%	45.82%	11.00%	9.27%	51.14%	10/30/2003	
6.	Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	9.81%	8.34%	54.18%	45.82%	11.30%	9.44%	52.66%	10/28/2002	
7.	Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.	8.36%	7.41%	50.00%	50.00%	11.40%	9.82%	51.91%	10/30/1998	
	Telecommunications Companies									
	Rate of Return Regulated Companies									
8.	Citizens Telephone Company	12.07%	11.12%	73.87%	26.13%	12.70%	10.11%	44.95%	02/26/1991	
9.	LEXCOM Telephone Company	11.72%	11.62%	97.51%	2.49%	16.25%	12.77%	37.22%	06/14/1982	
	Price Plan Regulated Companies	Data is	not available	e. See Note [1	I <b>J</b>					
10.	ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.									
11.	BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.									
12.	Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company									
13.	Central Telephone Company									
14.	Concord Telephone Company									
15.	MEBTEL Communications									
16.	North State Communications									

#### NOTES

Verizon South Inc.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[2]</sup> N/A denotes that the data is not available.

# Summary Statement Of Key Financial Ratios Achieved by And Authorized for Selected Companies

"Estimated Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return, Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios are for Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2004, Except for Certain Telecommunications Companies - See Note [1]"

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[3] In 2004, Standard & Poor's Rating Services assigned new business profile scores to U.S. utility and power companies including investor-owned electric, natural gas, and water utilities in the U.S. and excluding telecommunications utilities, to better reflect the relative business risk among companies in the U.S. utility and power companies sector. The business profile scores assess the qualitative attributes of a company, with "1" being considered lowest risk and "10" highest risk. As of June 2004 the overall median business profile score is "5". The range was 2 to 7 for the six utilities which are, in part, regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission included in the June 2004 article published by Standard & Poor's.

For most companies in this sector, business profile scores are assessed using five categories; specifically, "regulation, markets, operations, competitiveness, and management". The emphasis placed on each category may be influenced by the dominant strategy of the company or other factors. For example, for a regulated transmission and distribution company, regulation may account for 30% to 40% of the business profile score because regulation can be the single-most important credit driver for this type of company. Conversely, competition, which may not exist for a transmission and distribution company, would provide a much lower proportion (e.g., 5% to 15%) of the business profile.

In 2004, Standard & Poor's also revised the key financial guidelines that it uses as an integral part of evaluating the credit quality of U.S. utility and power companies. The financial guidelines for three principal ratios: (1) funds from operations interest coverage, (2) funds from operations to total debt, and (3) total debt to total capital were broadened to be more flexible; and pretax interest coverage as a key credit ratio was eliminated. The rating analysis performed by Standard & Poor's not only takes into account these three financial ratios and other financial ratios that do not have published guidelines for each rating category; but it is also influenced by other factors, including (1) effectiveness of liability and liquidity management, (2) analysis of internal funding sources, (3) return on invested capital, (4) the record of execution of stated business strategies, (5) accuracy of projected performance versus actual results, as well as the trend, (6) assessment of management's financial policies and attitude toward credit, and (7) corporate governance practices.

The published guidelines, as of June 2004, for the three aforementioned financial ratios are, according to Standard & Poor's, only guidelines associated with expectations for various rating levels. Such guidelines, for business profiles 1-10 are set forth below:

Funds from operations/interest coverage (x)

J	Business Profile*		AA				Α		1		BBB			3B	- 1
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	5	5.5		4.5	- 1	4.5	- 1	3.8	1	3.8		2.8	2.8	1.8	
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- 1	7	8	-	6.5	- 1	6.5		4.5		4.5		3.2	3.2	2.2	
	8	10		7.5		7.5		5.5		5.5		3.5	3.5	2.5	
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<sup>\*</sup>See Standard & Poor's Rating Services' publications for explanation of this score.

Funds from operations/total debt (%)

Busi	ness Profile*		AA		1		Α				BBB		1	E	3B	- 1
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<sup>\*</sup>See Standard & Poor's Rating Services' publications for explanation of this score.

# Summary Statement Of Key Financial Ratios Achieved by And Authorized for Selected Companies

"Estimated Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return, Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios are for Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2004, Except for Certain Telecommunications Companies - See Note [1]"

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NOTES: Total debt/total capital (%):

E	Business Profile*		AA		Α	I	BBB				ВВ		- 1
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	10		1	25	35	35		48	ĺ	48	İ	52	

<sup>\*</sup>See Standard & Poor's Ratings Services' publications for explanation of this score.

[4] Selected financial market indicators from "Moody's Credit Perspectives", Volume 98, No. 21, May 23, 2005 follow:

Part I

		U.S	. Treasury Secur	rities	Dealer- Piaced	Moody's Long-Term Corporate Bond Yield <u>%</u> (f)	
Line No.	<u>Date</u> (a)	3-Month Bill <u>%</u> (b)	10-Year Note <u>%</u> (c)	30-Year Bond <u>%</u> (d)	3-Month CP <u>%</u> (e)		
1.	May 13, 2005	2.76	4.12	4.49	3.12	5.54	
2.	May 16, 2005	2.75	4.12	4.49	3.16	5.55	
3.	May 17, 2005	2.82	4.11	4.47	3.17	5.54	
4.	May 18, 2005	2.79	4.06	4.43	3.16	5,50	
5.	May 19, 2005	2.80	4.11	4.44	3.14	5.52	
6.	Month of April 2005	2.77	4.33	4.64	3.02	5.65	
7.	Month of March 2005	2.73	4.48	4.78	2.91	5.77	

Part II

Moody's public utility long-term bond yield averages (%):

			Past 12-	Months_	Monthly		
Line No.	Rating (a)	<u>05/19/05</u> (b)	<u>High</u> (c)	<u>Low</u> (d)	<u>Apr. 2005</u> (e)	<u>Mar. 2005</u> (f)	
1.	Aaa	-	-	-	-		
2.	Aa	5.36	6.66	5.55	5.56	5.76	
3.	Α	5.51	6.62	5.61	5.64	5.83	
4.	Baa	5.87	6.84	5.76	5.95	6.01	

<sup>[5]</sup> According to "Moody's Credit Perspectives", Volume 98, No. 21 as of 12/10/01 the "Aaa" Utilities Index will be discontinued indefinitely.

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NOTES: [6] Selected financial market indicators from "Moody's Credit Perspectives", Volume 98, No. 21, May 23, 2005 follow - continued:

Part III

New offerings by public utilities - listing is all inclusive for week of May 23, 2005:

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Line <u>No.</u>	Company Name (a)	Amount (b)	<u>Term</u> (c)	Current (d)	Maturity (e)	Rating (f)	
1.	Progress Energy Florida, Inc.	\$300 Million	5 Years	4.500%	4.500%	A2	
2.	Entergy Louisiana, Inc.	\$55 Million	5 Years	4.670%	4.690%	Baa1	
3.	El Paso Electric Company	\$400 Million	30 Years	6.000%	6.050%	ВааЗ	
4.	San Diego Gas & Electric Company	\$250 Million	30 Years	-	5.36%	<b>A</b> 1	
5.	Public Service Company of Oklahoma	\$75 Million	6 Years	4.700%	4.790%	Baa1	

# Statement of Authorized Returns On Common Equity and Overall Rates of Return Granted By Various Public Utility Regulatory Agencies As Reported In Public Utilities Reports, Volume Nos. 233-240, from June 2004 through May 2005

#### (Statement Is All Inclusive With Respect To Returns Published)

Line <u>No.</u>	Company (Jurisdiction) (a)	Authorized Common <u>Equity</u> (b)	Overall (c)	Date Of <u>Order</u> (d)	Volume No.  Public Utilities <u>Reports</u> (e)
	Electric Companies				
1.	Idaho Power Company (ID)	10.25%	7.85%	05/25/2004	Volume 233
2.	PSI Energy, Inc. (IN)	10.50%	7.30%	05/18/2004	Volume 234
3.	Kentucky Utilities Company (KY)	10 - 11%	N/A	06/30/2004	Volume 234
4.	PacifiCorp., d/b/a Pacific Power and Light Co. (WA)	N/A	8.39%	10/27/2004	Volume 236
5.	Avista Corporation (ID)	10.40%	9.25%	10/08/2004	Volume 236
6.	The Detroit Edison Co. (MI)	11.00%	7.24%	11/23/2004	Volume 237
7.	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PA)	10.70%	8.43%	12/22/2004	Volume 237
8.	South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SC)	10.70%	8.64%	01/06/2005	Volume 238
9.	Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (WA)	10.30%	8.40%	02/18/2005	Volume 239
10.	Madison Gas and Electric Company (WI)	11.50%	9.18%	12/22/2004	Volume 239
11.	PacifiCorp (UT)	10.50%	8.37%	02/25/2005	Volume 239
12.	Interstate Power and Light Company (IA)	10.70%	N/A	01/14/2005	Volume 239
13.	Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks - WPK (KS)	10.50%	8.73%	01/28/2005	Volume 239
14.	Arizona Public Service Company (AZ)	10.25%	N/A	04/07/2005	Volume 240
	Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies				
15.	South Jersey Gas Company (NJ)	10.00%	7.97%	07/08/2004	Volume 234
16.	Indiantown Gas Company (FL)	11.50%	N/A	06/02/2004	Volume 234
17.	Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Co. (MO)	10.50%	N/A	10/02/2004	Volume 235
18.	Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company, Inc., d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc. (IN)	10.50%	7.41%	06/30/2004	Volume 236
19.	Southwest Gas Corporation (NV)	10.50%	N/A	08/26/2004	Volume 236

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#### (Statement Is All Inclusive With Respect To Returns Published)

Line		Authorized Common	Returns	Date Of	Volume No. Public Utilities
No.	Company (Jurisdiction)	<b>Equity</b>	<u>Overall</u>	Order	Reports
	(a)	(b)	(c)	( <b>d</b> )	(e)
	Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies (continued)				
20.	South Beloit Water, Gas, and Electric Company (IL)	9.87%	8.41%	10/06/2004	Volume 236
21.	Avista Corporation (ID)	10.40%	9.25%	10/08/2004	Volume 236
22.	Chattanooga Gas Company (TN)	10.20%	7.43%	10/20/2004	Volume 236
<b>23</b> .	Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (KY)	10.50%	7.92%	11/10/2004	Volume 237
	Water Companies				
24.	Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (PA)	10.60%	8.57%	08/05/2004	Volume 236
25.	South Beloit Water, Gas, and Electric Company (IL)	9.64%	8.39%	10/06/2004	Volume 236
26.	Indiana - American Water Company, Inc. (IN)	9.25%	7.17%	11/18/2004	Volume 238

NOTE: N/A denotes that information is not available.

### Part III

# Overviews of Selected Financial and Operational Data by Utility:

- Electric Companies
  - Carolina Power & Light Company, d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.
  - Dominion North Carolina Power
  - Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation
  - Nantahala Power and Light Company
- Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies
  - North Carolina Natural Gas
  - Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
  - Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.
- **■** Telecommunications Companies
  - ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.
  - BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
  - Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company
  - Central Telephone Company
  - Citizens Telephone Company
  - Concord Telephone Company
  - LEXCOM Telephone Company
  - MEBTEL Communications
  - North State Communications
  - Verizon South Inc.

### CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, d/b/a PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

#### North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

(Amounts in Thousands)										
				44			Annu			
		D		12 Months En		D	Growth			
Line		December	December	December	December	December	Four	Current		
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<b>(f)</b>	(g)	(h)		
1.	Operating Revenue	\$2,610,736	\$2,576,620	\$2,517,739	\$2,373,937	\$2,355,555	2.60%	1.32%		
2.	Operating Expenses:									
3.	Fuel	622,984	616,343	548,355	460,247	442,156	8,95%	1.08%		
4.	Purchased Power	218,266	215,094	253,212	258,092	235,778	-1.91%	1.47%		
5.	Maintenance	171,719	142,542	171,593	152,237	134,182	6.36%	20,47%		
6.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>461,688</u>	<u>427,265</u>	<u>417,875</u>	<u>375,506</u>	<u>403,293</u>	<u>3.44%</u>	<u>8.06%</u>		
7.	Total Operating Expenses	1,474,657	1,401,244	1,391,035	1,246,082	1,215,409	4.95%	5.24%		
8,	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>457,072</u>	<u>431,233</u>	<u>398,441</u>	389,099	<u>525,528</u>	<u>-3.43%</u>	<u>5.99%</u>		
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	1,931,729	1,832,477	1,789,476	1,635,181	1,740,937	2.63%	5.42%		
10.	Total Operating Taxes	336,098	<u>351,578</u>	<u>346,652</u>	<u>336,350</u>	<u>302,726</u>	<u>2.65%</u>	<u>-4.40%</u>		
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	2,267,827	2,184,055	<u>2,136,128</u>	<u>1,971,531</u>	2,043,663	<u>2,64%</u>	<u>3.84%</u>		
12.	Operating Income	\$342,909	\$392,565	\$381.611	<u>\$402.406</u>	\$311.892	2.40%	<u>-12.65%</u>		
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$4.666.843	\$4,644.069	\$4.681,892	\$4,544,543	<b>\$4.</b> 170.684	2.85%	0.49%		
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	56.48%	54.38%	55.25%	52.49%	51.60%	2.28%	3.86%		
15.	Net Pit, Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.79	\$1.80	\$1.86	\$1.91	\$1 <i>.77</i>	0.28%	-0.58%		
16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27.	Number of Customers Served (000s included Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Number of Customers  Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh) Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Sales	998,684 177,468 3,636 2,178 1,181,966 13,837 11,263 9,701 2,400 37,201	978,736 171,832 3,730 2,281 1,156,579 13,210 10,863 9,534 4,668 38,275	960,217 168,056 3,811 2,317 1,134,401 13,150 10,766 9,896 4,675 38,487	938,050 164,570 4,063 2,362 1,109,045 12,368 10,303 10,109 2,938 35,718	914,285 159,493 4,145 2,378 1,080,391 12,098 9,793 11,021 4,958 37,870	2.23% 2.71% -3.22% -2.17% 2.27% 3.41% 3.56% -3.14% -16.59% -0.44%	2.04% 3.28% -2.52% -4.52% 2.20% 4.75% 3.68% 1.75% -48.59% -2.81%		
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	7.28%	8.60%	8.72%	9,63%	7.80%	-1,71%	-15.35%		
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	8.62%	11.09%	11,16%	12.63%	8.62%	0.00%	-22.27%		
30.	Common Equity Ratio	51.07%	50.75%	49.62%	48.18%	52.32%	-0.60%	0.63%		
31.	Debt Ratio	48.02%	48.33%	49.47%	50.91%	46.70%	0.70%	-0.64%		
32.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.00	4.55	4,33	4.19	3.79	1.36%	-12.09%		

33. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.75%, Overall 10.45%; Equity Ratio: 44.00%; Date of Order: 8-5-88

[1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 72% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports. Notes:

# DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

12 Months Ended **Growth Rate** December Current Line December December December December Four 2002 2004 2001 2000 2003 Year No. <u>Item</u> Year (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (a) Operating Revenue \$283,101 \$256,424 \$234,948 \$246,327 \$231,992 5.10% 10.40% Operating Expenses: 13.51% 57,505 42,044 36,492 37,472 34,641 36.77% 3. Fuel 49,322 Purchased Power 52,523 59,568 47,104 50,426 1.02% -11.83% 4. 0 N/A N/A Maintenance a 0 0 5. 0 46,098 Other Operating Expenses 65,066 41,753 52,813 46.602 41.15% 18.54% 8.70% 6 **Total Operating Expenses** 147,710 131,669 7 175.094 125.349 139,607 7.39% 8. Depreciation & Amortization 26,152 24,876 24,858 25,988 27,593 -1.33% 5.13% Total Expenses & Depreciation 201,246 172,586 150,207 165,595 159,262 6.02% 16.61% 10. **Total Operating Taxes** 40,257 40,704 35,441 38,539 35,072 3.51% -1.10% Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes 241,503 213,290 185,648 5.58% 11. 204,134 194,334 13.23% \$41,598 \$43,134 \$49,300 \$42,193 \$37,658 2.52% -3.56% 12 Operating Income \$558,040 13. Net Plant Investment \$566,275 \$420,481 \$430,148 \$400.985 9.01% 1.48% Oper, Exp. as a % of Total Revenue 61.85% 57.60% 53.35% 56,68% 56.76% 2.17% 7.38% \$2.00 \$2.18 \$1.75 \$1.73 Net Pit, Investment per \$ of Revenue \$1.79 3 69% -8 26% Number of Customers Served (000s included): 16. Residential 97,527 96,182 95.214 92,680 91.530 1.60% 1.40% 17 Commercial 15,323 15.236 15.183 14,356 13.945 2.38% 0.57% 18 -4.09% 19 Industrial 77 79 82 89 91 -2.53% 20 Other 2,268 2,279 2,175 2,146 2,148 1.37% -0.48% 115,195 21. **Total Number of Customers** 113,776 112,654 109,271 107,714 1.69% 1.25% 22. Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh) 23. Residential 1,487 1,423 1,391 1,327 1,299 3.44% 4.50% 738 24. Commercial 771 738 711 681 3.15% 4.47% 1,563 25. Industrial 1,792 1,592 1,455 1,248 9.47% 14.65% Other 26 154 150 139 136 131 4.13% 2.67% 27. Total Sales 3.359 4.204 3.874 3.860 3.629 5.77% 8.52% Estimated Overall Rate of Return 9.00% 9.71% 11.89% 10.02% 9.62% -1.65% -7.31% 29. Estimated Return on Common Equity 13.01% 13.32% 18.16% 14.12% 12.26% 1.50% -2.33% 47.21% Common Equity Ratio 48.83% 46.73% 45.04% 48.74% 30. -0.79% -3 32% 44.90% 31. Debt Ratio 50 19% 47.25% 47.88% 42.81% 4.06% 11.78% Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times) 5.23 5.36 5.67 4.82 4.75 2.44% -2.43%

33. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity - N/A, Overall - N/A; Equity Ratio: N/A; Date of Order: 03-18-05

[1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 5% of total company electric utility revenue.

[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

Notes

[4] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

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<sup>[2]</sup> Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

<sup>[5]</sup> Pursuant to the Order Approving Stipulation issued on March 18, 2005, in Docket No. E-22, Sub 412, Dominion filed revised quarterly ES-1 Reports for the 12-month periods ended March 31, 2001 through March 31, 2005 to reflect presumed regulatory assets, deferred income taxes, and amortizations, relating to non-utility generation contract buyout costs and Hurricane Isabel repair and restoration expenses, as set forth in Sections 10 and 11, respectively, of the Stipulation and Agreement dated March 8, 2005. Columns (b), (c), (d), and (e) reflect the revised data.

# DUKE POWER, A DIVISION OF DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

							Annu	
				12 Months En			Growth	
Line		December	December	December	December	December	Four	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	2004	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	Year (a)	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	( <del>e</del> )	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$3,471,808	\$3,485,918	\$3,312,828	\$3,221,436	\$3,157,812	2.40%	-0.40%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	631,799	610,721	520,467	499,071	455,774	8.51%	3.45%
4.	Purchased Power	179,674	284,815	297,982	285,029	304,117	-12.33%	-36.92%
5.	Maintenance	311,275	327,110	370,765	312,376	286,106	2.13%	-4.84%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>593,122</u>	<u>661,748</u>	<u>652,886</u>	<u>703,259</u>	<u>671,780</u>	<u>-3.07%</u>	<u>-10.37%</u>
7.	Total Operating Expenses	1,715,870	1,884,394	1,842,100	1,799,735	1,717,777	-0.03%	-8.94%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>658,828</u>	<u>553,177</u>	<u>424.515</u>	<u>405,527</u>	371,949	<u>15.38%</u>	<u>19.10%</u>
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	2,374,698	2,437,571	2,266,615	2,205,262	2,089,726	3.25%	-2.58%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>482,945</u>	462,240	<u>455,820</u>	<u>471,658</u>	<u>489,702</u>	<u>-0.35%</u>	4.48%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>2,857,643</u>	<u>2,899,811</u>	2,722,435	<u>2.676,920</u>	<u>2,579,428</u>	<u>2.59%</u>	<u>-1.45%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$614.165</u>	\$586,107	\$590.393	<u>\$544.516</u>	<u>\$578.384</u>	<u>1.51%</u>	4.79%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$8,017,329	<u>\$7.426.274</u>	\$6.823.150	\$6.528.367	\$6.322.332	<u>6.12%</u>	<u>7.96%</u>
14.	Oper, Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	49.42%	54.06%	55.61%	55.87%	54.40%	-2.37%	-8.58%
15,	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.31	\$2.13	\$2.06	\$2.03	\$2.00	3.67%	8.45%
16.	Number of Customers Served (000s included)	ded):						
17.	Residential	1,401,031	1,373,726	1,376,968	1,359,355	1,316,878	1.56%	1.99%
18.	Commercial	227,619	223,097	219,406	217,775	210,987	1.92%	2.03%
19,	Industrial	5,692	5,7 <del>6</del> 7	5,972	6,163	6,468	-3.14%	-1.30%
20.	Other	<u>9,780</u>	<u>8,886</u>	<u>8,683</u>	<u>8,408</u>	<u>8,130</u>	<u>4.73%</u>	<u>10.06%</u>
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>1.644.122</u>	<u>1.611.476</u>	<u>1,611.029</u>	<u>1.591.701</u>	<u>1.542.463</u>	<u>1.61%</u>	2.03%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	18,601	17,700	18,084	17,201	16,828	2.54%	5.09%
24.	Commercial	19,461	18,856	18,788	18,323	17,618	2.52%	3.21%
25.	Industrial	15,051	14,808	15,696	15,922	17,564	-3.79%	1.64%
26.	Other	<u>1,022</u>	<u>4.941</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>44.26%</u>	<u>-79.32%</u>
27.	Total Sales	<u>54.135</u>	<u>56.305</u>	<u>52,792</u>	<u>51.669</u>	<u>52.246</u>	<u>0.89%</u>	<u>-3.85%</u>
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.66%	9.67%	10.07%	9.51%	10.29%	-1.57%	-0.10%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	13.63%	13.02%	13.23%	11.69%	12.48%	2.23%	4.69%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	54.15%	55.23%	58.40%	60.49%	59.33%	-2.26%	-1.96%
31.	Debt Ratio	44.35%	43.27%	39.83%	37.24%	38.00%	3.94%	2.50%
32.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	6.41	5.90	6.55	6.21	5.77	2.66%	8.64%

33. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.50%, Overall 10.44%; Equity Ratio: 49.82%; Date of Order: 11.12-91

Notes:

- [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 69% of total company electric utility revenue.
- [2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
- [3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.
- [4] This schedule reflects certain revised data for 2001 [Column (e)], and 2000 [Column (f)], as provided by Duke, and as previously reported in Commission's "Quarterly Review" Revisions issued on June 20, 2003.
- [5] The estimated ROE impacts of the BPM net revenues under the sharing arrangement approved in Docket No. E-7, Sub 751 are as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st; 2004 0.42%; 2003 N/A; 2002 N/A; 2001 N/A; and 2000 N/A; (N/A denotes not applicable). Such impacts are not included in the estimated ROEs presented on Line 29 above.

#### NANTAHALA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction

(Amounts In Thousands)

				12 Months En	ded		Anni <u>Growth</u>	
Line		December	December	December	December 2001	December 2000	Four Year	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u> (a)	<u>2004</u> (b)	<u>2003</u> (c)	<u>2002</u> (d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	<u>Year</u> (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$82,673	\$80,271	\$77,200	\$72,807	\$70,095	4.21%	2.99%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Purchased Power	37,063	35,167	33,200	30,628	29,301	6.05%	5.39%
4.	Maintenance	7,586	6,360	6,878	6,104	5,407	8.83%	19.28%
5.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>6,872</u>	<u>7,458</u>	<u>7,888</u>	<u>10,867</u>	<u>8,316</u>	<u>-4.66%</u>	<u>-7.86%</u>
6.	Total Operating Expenses	51,521	48,985	47,966	47,599	43,024	4.61%	5.18%
7.	Depreciation & Amortization	9,095	<u>8,588</u>	<u>7,922</u>	7.092	<u>6,438</u>	<u>9.02%</u>	<u>5.90%</u>
8.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	60,616	57,573	55,888	54,691	49,462	5.22%	5.29%
9.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>8.617</u>	<u>8,887</u>	9,233	<u>7,113</u>	<u>8,406</u>	<u>0.62%</u>	<u>-3.04%</u>
10.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>69,233</u>	66,460	<u>65,121</u>	<u>61,804</u>	<u>57,868</u>	4.58%	<u>4.17%</u>
11.	Operating Income	<u>\$13,440</u>	<u>\$13.811</u>	\$12.079	<u>\$11.003</u>	\$12.227	2.39%	<u>-2.69%</u>
12.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$198.619</u>	<u>\$194.965</u>	<u>\$178.731</u>	<u>\$1,70.282</u>	\$156.679	<u>6.11%</u>	<u>1.87%</u>
13.	Oper, Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	62.32%	61.02%	62.13%	65.38%	61.38%	0.38%	2.13%
14.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.40	\$2.43	\$2.32	\$2.34	\$2.24	1.74%	-1.23%
	Number of Customers Served (000s included	•						
16.	Residential	60,564	59,181	57,821	56,613	55,012	2.43%	2.34%
17.	Commercial	6,980	6,953	6,950	6,925	6,814	0.60%	0.39%
18.	Industrial	13	13	13	14	15	-3.51%	0.00%
19.	Other	11 67 569	11 86 150	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	11 84 853	0.00%	0.00%
20.	Total Number of Customers	<u>67.568</u>	<u>66.158</u>	64.795	<u>63.563</u>	<u>61.852</u>	<u>2.23%</u>	<u>2.13%</u>
21.								
22.	Residential	611	598	578	547	547	2.80%	2.17%
23.	Commercial	430	425 119	416 119	381 117	376	3.41%	1.18% 5.04%
24. 25.	Industrial Other	125 <u>2</u>	2	119 2	2	140	-2.79%	0.00%
25. 26.	Total Sales	1.16 <u>8</u>	<u>≤</u> 1.144	1.11 <u>5</u>	1.047	<u>2</u> 1.065	<u>0.00%</u> 2.33%	2.10%
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27.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	7.61%	7.85%	7.15%	6.92%	8.48%	-2.67%	-3.06%
28.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	7.82%	8.25%	7.04%	6.68%	9.26%	-3.32%	-5.21%
29.	Common Equity Ratio	54.15%	55.23%	63.86%	60.92%	58.25%	-1.81%	-1.96%
30.	Debt Ratio	44.35%	43.27%	36.14%	39.08%	41.75%	1.52%	2.50%
31.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.17	3.39	3.79	3,21	3.87	-4.87%	-6.49%

LAST RATE CASE 32. Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.10%, Overall 10.32%; Equity Ratio: 56.11%; Date of Order: 6-18-93

Notes:

<sup>[1]</sup> North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 97% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

#### NORTH CAROLINA NATURAL GAS CORPORATION SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

							Ann	ual
			12 /	Months Ended			Growth	Rate
Line		December	December	December	December	December	Four	Current
No.	<u>ltem</u>	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Year	Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
	(4)	(5)	(5)	(-)	(0)	(**/	(8/	(.,)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$89,220	\$81,981	\$55,101	\$75,339	\$54,943	12.89%	8.83%
3.	Commercial	69,839	61,931	37,413	52,095	38,461	16.08%	12.77%
4.	Industrial	63,610	80,417	92,942	57,094	108,020	-12.40%	-20.90%
5.	Public Authorities	05,010	1,785	1,746	2,663	1,838	N/A	N/A
6.	Resale	36,717	35,070	25 647	30,415	27,132	7.86%	4.70%
7.	Other					93,952	-18.00%	-57.09%
۲. 8.	•	42,483	98,994	88,213	103,772	324,346		
٥.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>301,869</u>	<u>360,178</u>	<u>301.062</u>	<u>321.378</u>	324,340	<u>-1.78%</u>	<u>-16.19%</u>
9.	Cost of Gas	400 407	272 007	247 540	242 452	250,902	£ 040/	30 729/
9.	Cost or Gas	<u>189,187</u>	<u>273.067</u>	<u>217,540</u>	<u>243.453</u>	250,902	<u>-6.81%</u>	<u>-30,72%</u>
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10.	Margin	112,682	87,111	83,522	77,925	73,444	11.29%	29.35%
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11.	O & M Expenses	53,014	50,889	171,507	47,428	37,161	9.29%	4.18%
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12.	Other Deductions	<u>33,999</u>	<u>25,598</u>	<u>24,881</u>	<u>24,120</u>	<u>26,441</u>	<u>6.49%</u>	<u>32.82%</u>
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13.	Operating Income	\$25,669	<u>\$10.624</u>	<u>(\$112.866)</u>	<u>\$6.377</u>	<u>\$9.842</u>	<u>27.08%</u>	<u>141.61%</u>
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14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$456.344</u>	\$452.035	\$375.652	<u>\$332.006</u>	\$236,920	<u>17.81%</u>	0.95%
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15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	47.05%	58.42%	205.34%	60.86%	50.60%	-1.80%	-19.46%
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16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$4.05	\$5.19	\$4.50	<b>\$4</b> .26	\$3.23	5.82%	-21.97%
17、	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):							
18.	Residential	6,989	7,989	5,972	6,512	6,545	1.65%	-12.52%
19.	Commercial	6,548	6,734	5,239	5,467	5,715	3.46%	-2.76%
20.	Industrial	7,890	12,658	20,945	8,567	22,842	-23.34%	-37.67%
21.	Public Authorities	0	177	249	246	293	N/A	N/A
22.	Resal <del>e</del>	3,702	5,142	5,741	2,090	6,365	-12.67%	-28.00%
23.	Other	<u>38,951</u>	<u>26,684</u>	<u>29,104</u>	<u>29,560</u>	<u>15,266</u>	<u>26.39%</u>	<u>45.97%</u>
24.	Total DTs	<u>64.080</u>	<u>59.384</u>	<u>67.250</u>	<u>52.442</u>	57.026	<u>2.96%</u>	<u>7.91%</u>
25.	Number of Customers (000s included):							
26.	Residential	110,291	107,777	105,246	96,724	95,805	3,58%	2.33%
27.	Commercial	15,002	14,757	14,423	13,653	13,665	2.36%	1.66%
28.	Industrial	472	471	444	341	458	0.76%	0.21%
29.	Public Authorities	0	0	4,095	4,267	4,267	N/A	N/A
30.	Resale	5	7	56,743	53,613	43,551	-89.65%	-28.57%
31.	Other	161	211	<u>34</u>	<u>136</u>	29	53.50%	-23,70%
32.	Total Number of Customers	125.931	123.223	180.985	168.734	157.775	<u>-5.48%</u>	2.20%
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	7.10%	2.03%	3.68%	4.88%	8.66%	-4.84%	249.75%
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34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	7.54%	2.17%	0.99%	2.76%	10.59%	-8.14%	247.47%
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35.	Common Equity Ratio	54.18%	53.94%	49.62%	44.74%	48.90%	2,60%	0.44%
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36.	Debt Ratio	45.82%	46.06%	49.47%	54.42%	50.24%	-2.28%	-0.52%
<b>.</b>		75.0276	70.00%	73.71/0	J4.74.70	U	-2.2070	-v.J& /0
37.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage							
<b>.</b>	Ratio (Times)	3.23	3.21	1.27	1.50	3.38	-1.13%	0.62%
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38. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.00%, Overall 9.27%; Equity Ratio: 51.14%; Date of Order: 10-30-03

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.

<sup>[2]</sup> Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Shareholders' Reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.

<sup>[4]</sup> Data provided on Lines 33-37, Columns (b) and (c) are based on calculations derived from use of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s capital structure. The acquisition of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. from Carolina Power and Light Company was approved by the Company and Power and Light Company was approved by the Company was approved by t

Company, Inc. s capital structure. The acquisition of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation by Predmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. from Carolina Power and Light Company was approved by the Commission on June 26, 2003.

[5] Data provided on Lines 33-37, Columns (d), (e), and (f), is based on calculations derived from use of Carolina Power & Light Company's capital structure. The acquisition of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation by Carolina Power & Light Company was approved by the Commission on July 13, 1999.

<sup>[6]</sup> N/A denotes that data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

#### PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

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				lonths Ended				
Line		December	December	December	December	December	Four	Current
No.	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u> 2001</u>	<u> 2000</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<b>(f)</b>	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$346,129	\$354,074	\$236,043	\$296,386	\$241,169	9.45%	-2.24%
3,	Commercial	177,506	183,087	111,355	148,674	133,887	7.30%	-3.05%
4.	Industrial	47,509	46,297	34,045	45,559	124,953	-21.48%	2.62%
5.	Public Authorities	399	464	430	1,794	2,809	-38.61%	-14.01%
6.	Resale	9	9	9	0	0	N/A	0.00%
7.	Other	<u> 26,521</u>	27,2 <u>93</u>	23,702	24,020	<u>16,341</u>	<u>12.87%</u>	<u>-2.83%</u>
8.	Total Operating Revenue	598,073	611,224	405,584	516,433	519,159	<u>3.60%</u>	<u>-2.15%</u>
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9.	Cost of Gas	<u>393,482</u>	<u>386,765</u>	<u>221,130</u>	<u>328,079</u>	342,108	<u>3.56%</u>	<u>1.74%</u>
10.	Margin	204,591	224,459	184,454	188,354	177,051	3.68%	-8.85%
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11.	O & M Expenses	88,470	87,011	77,531	80,814	74,697	4.32%	1.68%
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12.	Other Deductions	62,761	71,324	<u>57,055</u>	54,681	51, <u>878</u>	<u>4.88%</u>	<u>-12.01%</u>
13.	Operating Income	\$53,360	\$66,124	\$49.868	\$52,859	\$50.476	<u>1.40%</u>	-19.30%
14.	Net Plant Investment	<b>\$</b> 757.514	\$751.301	\$655,277	\$608,127	\$582,787	<u>6.78%</u>	0.83%
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	43.24%	38,76%	42.03%	42.91%	42,19%	0.62%	11.56%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.70	\$3,35	\$3.55	\$3.23	\$3.29	2.98%	10.45%
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17.	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):							
18.	Residential	29,276	33,866	27,009	26,468	26,666	2.36%	-13.55%
19.	Commercial	17,614	20,157	15,875	15,924	18,229	-0.85%	-12.62%
20.	Industrial	5,532	5,939	5,888	5,752	23,305	-30.20%	-6.85%
21.		40		59	169	351	-41.90%	-21.57%
	Public Authorities	40	51 0	0	0	351 D	N/A	-21.57 /d N/A
22.	Resale	<del>-</del> '	_			14.002	20.60%	8.97%
23.	Other	<u>29,617</u>	<u>27.179</u>	<u>28,780</u>	<u>23,457</u>			
24.	Total DTs	82.079	<u>87.192</u>	<u>77.611</u>	<u>71.770</u>	<u>82.553</u>	<u>-0.14%</u>	<u>-5.86%</u>
25.	Number of Customers (000s included):						0.550	0.0101
26.	Residential	429,819	418,051	409,308	381,552	368,447	3.93%	2.81%
27.	Commercial	46,331	45,348	45,224	42,579	41,820	2.59%	2.17%
28.	Industrial	1,445	1,480	1,514	1,513	1,738	-4.51%	-2.36%
29.	Public Authorities	821	821	1,114	1,037	4,968	-36.24%	0.00%
30.	Resale	1	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
31.	Other	<u>351</u>	<u>349</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>359</u>	324	<u>2.02%</u>	<u>0,57%</u>
32.	Total Number of Customers	<u>478.768</u>	<u>466.049</u>	<u>457.527</u>	<u>427.040</u>	<u>417.297</u>	<u>3.50%</u>	<u>2.73%</u>
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.34%	11.06%	8.16%	8.94%	8.82%	-1.39%	-24.59%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	9.81%	14.29%	8.80%	10.36%	10.01%	-0.50%	-31.35%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	54.18%	53.76%	53.20%	51.66%	50.74%	1.65%	0.78%
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36.	Debt Ratio	45.82%	46.24%	46.80%	48.34%	49.26%	-1.79%	-0.91%
37.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage							
	Ratio (Times)	3.88	4.73	3.19	3.32	3.13	5.52%	-17.97%
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38. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.30%, Overall 9.44%; Equity Ratio: 52.66%; Date of Order: 10-28-02

Annual

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 38% of total company gas utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: Shareholders' reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.
[4] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retall Jurisdiction

(Amounts in Thousands)

			12 8	Months Ended			Anr Growt	nuaf h Rate
Line		December	December	December	December	December	Four	Current
	l <u>tem</u>	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Year	Year
<u>No.</u>	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	<u>2001</u> (e)	(f)	(3)	(h)
	(a <i>)</i>	(15)	(0)	(4)	(0)	(1)	(9)	(""/
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$304,475	\$298,028	\$212,407	\$265,481	\$258,604	4.17%	2.16%
3.	Commercial	147,284	143,262	90.748	130,883	115,534	6.26%	2.81%
4	Industrial	11,511	9,189	7,818	11,984	10,964	1.22%	25.27%
5.	Public Authorities	, ,,,,,,,	5,100	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
		11	12	6	9	0	N/A	-8.33%
6.	Resale			•	-	•		
7.	Other	<u>53,210</u>	<u>58,461</u>	<u>44,700</u>	<u>44,280</u>	<u>46,502</u>	<u>3.43%</u>	<u>-8.98%</u>
8.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>516,<b>49</b>1</u>	<u>508,952</u>	<u>355,679</u>	<u>452,637</u>	<u>431,604</u>	<u>4.59%</u>	<u>1.48%</u>
9,	Cost of Gas	<u>341,569</u>	<u>330,461</u>	<u>189,915</u>	<u>286,140</u>	<u>252,498</u>	<u>7.85%</u>	<u>3.36%</u>
10.	Margin	174,922	178,491	165,764	166,497	179,106	-0.59%	-2.00%
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11.	O & M Expenses	79,935	74,681	69,912	68,794	66,519	4.70%	7.04%
12.	Other Deductions	<u>54,118</u>	<u>57.379</u>	<u>54,035</u>	<u>64,776</u>	<u>73,249</u>	<u>-7.29%</u>	<u>-5.68%</u>
13.	Operating Income	\$40,869	<u>\$46.431</u>	<u>\$41.817</u>	<u>\$32.927</u>	\$39.338	0.96%	<u>-11.98%</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	\$594,719	\$579.621	\$567.35 <u>2</u>	<u>\$527.976</u>	\$487.959	<u>5.07%</u>	<u>2.60%</u>
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	45,70%	41.84%	42,18%	41.32%	37.14%	5.32%	9.23%
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16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.40	\$3.25	\$3.42	\$3.17	\$2.72	5.74%	4.62%
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):							
18.	Residential	24,321	25,299	23,427	20,710	26,868	-2.46%	-3.87%
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19.	Commercial	14,534	14,708	13,384	12,846	15,312	-1.30%	-1.18%
20.	Industrial	1,307	1,182	1,510	1,454	1,539	-4.00%	10.58%
21.	Public Authorities	0	0	٥	0	0	N/A	N/A
22	Resale	1	1	1	1	0	N/A	0.00%
23.	Other	29, <u>65</u> 3	28,484	31,420	28,974	32,433	-2.22%	4.10%
24.	Total DTs	69,816	69.674	69,742	63.985	76.152	-2.15%	0.20%
25.	Number of Customers (000s included):							
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26.	Residential	370,532	357,001	347,021	328,339	324,867	3.34%	3.79%
27.	Commercial	38,101	37,152	36,385	35,034	43,516	-3.27%	2.55%
28.	Industrial	49	49	38	37	1,571	-57.98%	0.00%
29.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
30	Resale	3	3	4	4	0	N/A	0.00%
31,	Other	392	40 <u>6</u>	414	<u>451</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>-6.18%</u>	<u>-3.45%</u>
32.	Total Number of Customers	409,077	<u>394.611</u>	383,862	<u> 363,865</u>	370. <del>46</del> 0	2.51%	3.67%
<b>33</b> .	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	7,41%	8.79%	8.13%	9.75%	11.07%	-9.55%	-15.70%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	8.36%	11.59%	9.50%	12,36%	14.99%	-13.58%	-27.87%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	50.00%	47.73%	48.72%	47.92%	47.85%	1.10%	4.76%
36.	Debt Ratio	50.00%	52.27%	51.28%	52.08%	52.15%	-1.05%	-4.34%
37.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.11	3.77	3.15	3.52	4.01	-6.16%	-17.51%

38. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.40%, Overall 9.82%; Equity Ratio: 51.91%; Date of Order: 10-30-98

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: Shareholders' Reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.
[4] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

# ALLTEL CAROLINA, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated) (Amounts in Thousands)

				Annual
		12 Months		Growth Rate
Line		December	December	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1,	Operating Revenue:			
2.	Basic Local Service	\$72,927	\$73,988	-1.43%
3.	Network Access	60,130	58,024	3.63%
4.	Long Distance Message	3,894	4,036	-3.52%
5.	Miscellaneous	16,469	17,028	-3.28%
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(1,242)</u>	<u>(1,364)</u>	<u>-8.94%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>152,178</u>	<u>151,712</u>	<u>0.31%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	60,856	61,130	-0.45%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	31,743	30,209	5.08%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u> 17,514</u>	<u>16,905</u>	<u>3.60%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>110,113</u>	<u>108,244</u>	<u>1.73%</u>
12.	Operating Income	\$42,065	<u>\$43.468</u>	<u>-3.23%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	\$255.558	<u>\$260.066</u>	<u>-1.73%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	39.99%	40.29%	-0.74%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.68	\$1.71	-1.75%

Notes: [1] ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. elected price regulation in June 1998.

<sup>[2]</sup> Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Reports.

<sup>[4]</sup> Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2004 - \$9,882,424; and 2003 - \$12,273,102.

# BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated) (Amounts In Thousands)

				Annual
		12 Months	Ended	Growth Rate
Line		December	December	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Operating Revenue:			
2.	Basic Local Service	\$846,870	\$929,148	-8.86%
3.	Network Access	512,073	521, <b>2</b> 77	-1.77%
4.	Long Distance Message	22,747	23,603	-3,63%
5.	Miscellaneous	221,007	197,878	11.69%
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(26,672)</u>	<u>(30,816)</u>	<u>-13.45%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	1,576,025	<u>1,641,090</u>	<u>-3.96%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	763,606	777,313	-1.76%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	436,997	457,424	-4.47%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>140,534</u>	<u>154,937</u>	<u>-9.30%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>1,341,137</u>	1,389,674	<u>-3.49%</u>
12.	Operating Income	\$234.888	\$251,416	-6.57%
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	\$2.312.145	\$2,452,004	<u>-5.70%</u>
14.	Oper, Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	48,45%	47.37%	2.28%
1.4.	eper exp. as a 70 or recent revenue	-5,-070	41,0176	2,2070
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.47	\$1.49	-1.34%

Notes: [1] BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. elected price regulation in June 1996.

- [3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.
- [4] Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2004 \$7,630,000; and 2003 \$5,347,000.

<sup>[2]</sup> Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

#### CAROLINA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

### North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated) (Amounts in Thousands)

				Annual
		12 Months	Ended	Growth Rate
Line		December	December	Current
No.	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2004</u>	2003	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Operating Revenue:			
2.	Basic Local Service	\$397,964	\$409,309	-2.77%
3.	Network Access	298,888	279,714	6.85%
4.	Long Distance Message	6,146	6,959	-11.68%
5.	Miscellaneous	163,799	176,686	-7.29%
₽.	Uncollectibles	(12,598)	(8,847)	<u>89.53%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>854,199</u>	866,021	<u>-1.37%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	459,569	489,586	-6.13%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	110,084	154,692	-28.84%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>113,408</u>	<u>78,335</u>	<u>44.77%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>683,061</u>	<u>722,613</u>	<u>-5.47%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$171.138</u>	\$143.408	19.34%
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$846.614</u>	<u>\$798.533</u>	6.02%
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	53.80%	56.53%	-4.83%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$0.99	\$0.92	7.61%

Notes: [1] Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company elected price regulation in June 1996.

<sup>[2]</sup> Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 18, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Reports.

<sup>[4]</sup> Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2004 - \$35,942,000; and 2003 - \$49,620,000.

# CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated) (Amounts in Thousands)

				Annual
		12 Months	Ended	Growth Rate
Line		December	December	Current
No.	<u>ltem</u>	2004	<u>2003</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Operating Revenue:			
2.	Basic Local Service	\$94,075	\$99,464	-5.42%
3.	Network Access	56,879	55,305	2.85%
4.	Long Distance Message	3,099	3,425	-9.52%
5.	Miscellaneous	30,091	28,744	4.69%
6.	Uncollectibles	(2,218)	<u>(1,790)</u>	<u>23.91%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>181,926</u>	<u>185,148</u>	<u>-1.74%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	99,372	101,946	-2.52%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	44,237	39,776	11.22%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>12,587</u>	<u>19,889</u>	<u>-36.71%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>156,196</u>	<u>161,611</u>	<u>-3.35%</u>
12.	Operating Income	\$25.730	\$23,537	<u>9.32%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$264.452</u>	\$281 <u>.727</u>	<u>-6.13%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	54.62%	55,06%	-0.80%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.45	\$1.52	-4.61%

Notes: [1] Central Telephone Company elected price regulation in June 1996.

<sup>[2]</sup> Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Reports.

<sup>[4]</sup> Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st; 2004 - \$6,910,000; and 2003 - \$11,493,000.

# CITIZENS TELEPHONE COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Intrastate Operations (Amounts in Thousands)

			4	2 Months En	dad		Ann Growth	
Line		December		December	December	December	Four	Current
No.	<u>ltem</u>	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	<u>Year</u>	Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<u>(f)</u>	(g)	(h)
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1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$5,957	\$5,714	\$5,701	\$5,631	\$5,25 <i>2</i>	3.20%	4.25%
3.	Network Access	3,711	3,803	4,743	3,248	3,137	4.29%	-2.42%
4.	Long Distance Message	1,104	1,145	1,236	1,321	1,336	-4.66% 3.29%	-3.58% -1.24%
5. 6.	Miscellaneous Uncollectibles	1,112	1,126	1,070	1,066	97 <i>7</i> (11)	14.64%	-1.24 % -9.52 %
7.	Total Operating Revenue	( <u>19)</u> 11,865	<u>(21)</u> <u>1</u> 1,76 <u>7</u>	( <u>17)</u> 12,733	. <u>(14)</u> 11,252	10.691	2.64%	<u>-9.52 %</u> 0.83%
٠.	Total Operating Neverlue	11,000	11,707	12,700	11,202	10,091	<u>2.0470</u>	0.0370
8.	Operating Expenses	5,221	5,023	4,675	4,379	4,426	4.22%	3.94%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	2,567	2,452	2,360	2,198	3,514	-7.55%	4.69%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>1,311</u>	<u>1,619</u>	<u>1,832</u>	<u>1,658</u>	<u>888</u>	<u>10.23%</u>	<u>-19.02%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	9,099	<u>9,094</u>	<u>8,867</u>	<u>8.235</u>	8.828	<u>0.76%</u>	0.05%
12.	Operating Income	\$2,766	\$2.673	\$3,866	\$3.017	\$1.863	10.38%	3.48%
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13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$27,162</u>	\$25.733	<b>\$24.495</b>	\$23,238	\$21,237	<u>6.35%</u>	<u>5.55%</u>
14. 15.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue  Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue  Total Access Lines: Residential Business	44.00% \$2.29	42.69% \$2.19	36.72% \$1.92	\$2.07	\$1.99 17 <u>4</u>	1.53% 3.57% 0.00% 0.00%	3.07% 4.57% 0.00% 0.00%
19.	Total Access Lines	<u>21</u>	21	<u>21</u>	21	<u>21</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
20.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	11.12%	10.86%	16.19%	13.18%	8.58%	6.70%	2.39%
21.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	12.07%	11.82%	19.64%	15.63%	8.75%	8.37%	2.12%
22.	Common Equity Ratio	73.87%	71.89%	69.19%	66.41%	64.57%	3.42%	2.75%
23.	Debt Ratio	26.13%	28.11%	••			-7.33%	-7.04%
25.	Deol Tano	20.1370	20.11.70	30.0170	33,3870	33,4370	-7.3376	-1.0470
24.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	7.27	7.12	8.99	6.76	3.78	17.76%	2.11%

25. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.70%, Overall 10.11%; Equity Ratio: 44.95%; Date of Order: 2-26-91

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 70% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.

<sup>[2]</sup> Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

#### CONCORD TELEPHONE COMPANY

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts In Thousands)

				Annual
		12 Months	Ended	Growth Rate
Line		December	December	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Operating Revenue:			
2.	Basic Local Service	\$48,296	\$51,581	-6.37%
3.	Network Access	29,766	30,866	-3.56%
4.	Long Distance Message	2,839	3,928	-27.72%
5.	Miscellaneous	12,313	9,891	24.49%
6.	Uncollectibles	(222)	(395)	<u>-43.80%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	92,992	95,871	<u>-3.00%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	46,291	43,956	5.31%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	22,077	22,928	-3.71%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>10,193</u>	10 <u>,096</u>	<u>0.96%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>78,561</u>	76,980	<u>2.05%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$14.431</u>	<u>\$18,891</u>	<u>-23.61%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	\$83,704	\$83,897	<u>-0.23%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	49.78%	45.85%	8.57%
15.	Net Telecomm. Pit. per \$ of Revenue	\$0.90	\$0.88	2.27%

Notes: [1] Concord Telephone Company elected price regulation in June 1997.

<sup>[2]</sup> Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Reports.

<sup>[4]</sup> Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant in service for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2004 - \$3,557,940; and 2003 - \$1,819,772.

<sup>[5]</sup> Column (c), Lines 1 through 15 have been revised to reflect both interstate and intrastate data based upon a revised 2003 Annual Report provided by Concord in August 2005. The data previously provided by Concord in the 2003 Annual Report related to intrastate operations only.

#### **LEXCOM TELEPHONE COMPANY** SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

**Total Company Utility Operations** (Amounts In Thousands)

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Line		December	12 M December	lonths Ended December	December	December	Growth Four	Kate Current
No.	ltem	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Year	Year
<u> </u>	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<u>(f)</u>	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$12,615	\$12,746	\$13,717	\$13,434	\$12,882	-0.52%	-1.03%
3.	Network Access	5,441	4,973	4,833	3,956	3,125	14.87%	9.41%
4.	Long Distance Message	166	215	331	330	383	-18.86%	-22.79%
5.	Miscellaneous	2,304	2,230	2,520	3,043	4,108	-13.46%	3.32%
6.	Uncollectibles	(308)	( <u>162)</u>	( <u>260)</u>	(272)	(13 <u>4)</u>	23.13%	90.12%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>20,218</u>	<u>20,002</u>	<u>21,141</u>	<u>20,491</u>	<u>20,364</u>	<u>-0.18%</u>	<u>1.08%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	7,267	7,461	7,865	7,734	7,843	-1.89%	-2.60%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	3,420	3,354	3,432	3,599	3,344	0.56%	1.97%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>5.845</u>	<u>5,277</u>	<u>5.537</u>	<u>5,478</u>	<u>5,071</u>	3.62%	10.7 <u>6%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>16,532</u>	<u>16,092</u>	<u>16,834</u>	<u>16,811</u>	<u>16,258</u>	<u>0.42%</u>	<u>2.73%</u>
12.	Operating Income	\$3,686	\$3.910	<u>\$4.307</u>	\$3,680	<u>\$4.106</u>	<u>-2.66%</u>	<u>-5.73%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$36,036	\$37.6 <u>33</u>	\$37.932	<u>\$38,784</u>	\$37,970	<u>-1.30%</u>	<u>-4.24%</u>
14. 15.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue  Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	35.94% \$1.78	37.30% \$1.88	37.20% \$1.79	37.74% \$1.89	38.51% \$1.86	-1.71% -1.09%	-3.65% -5.32%
16. 17. 18. 19.	Total Access Lines: Residential Business Total Access Lines	22 9 31	23 9 32	24 9 33	24 9 33	25 10 35	-3.15% <u>-2.60%</u> -2.99%	-4.35% <u>0.00%</u> -3.13%
20.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	11.62%	12.28%	13.72%	11.56%	13.26%	-3.25%	-5.37%
21.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	11.72%	12.37%	13.93%	11.73%	13.60%	-3.65%	-5.25%
22.	Common Equity Ratio	97.51%	96.98%	96.49%	95.46%	94.00%	0.92%	0.55%
23.	Debt Ratio	2.49%	3.02%	3.51%	4.54%	5.95%	-19.57%	-17.55%
24.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	145.03	95.84	108.95	73.12	57.15	26.21%	51.33%

LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 16.25%, Overall 12.77%; Equity Ratio: 37.22%; Date of Order: 6-14-82 25.

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.

 <sup>[2]</sup> Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
 [3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

#### MEBTEL COMMUNICATIONS

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Operations (Regulated)

(Amounts In Thousands)

				Annual
		12 Months	Ended	Growth Rate
Line		December	December	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Operating Revenue:			
2.	Basic Local Service	\$4,753	\$4,922	-3.43%
3.	Network Access	3,931	3,652	7.64%
4.	Long Distance Message	107	133	-19.55%
5.	Miscellaneous	686	721	-4.85%
6,	Uncollectibles	(24)	<u>(75)</u>	<u>-68.00%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>9,453</u>	<u>9,353</u>	<u>1.07%</u>
8,	Operating Expenses	4,745	4,600	3.15%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	1,122	1,540	-27.14%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>1,443</u>	<u>1,806</u>	<u>-20.10%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	7,310	<u>7,948</u>	<u>-8.00%</u>
12.	Operating Income	\$2.143	<u>\$1.407</u>	<u>52.31%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$10.510</u>	<u>\$10.845</u>	<u>-3.09%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	50.20%	49.18%	2,07%
15.	Net Telecomm. Pit. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.11	\$1.16	-4.31%

Notes: [1] MEBTEL Communications elected price regulation in September 1999.

<sup>[2]</sup> Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Reports.

<sup>[4]</sup> Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for North Carolina regulated operations only, including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2004 - \$249,331; and 2003 - \$521,930.

# NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Operations (Regulated) (Amounts In Thousands)

			_	Annual
		12 Months		Growth Rate
Line	N	December	December	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(p)	(c)	(a)
1,	Operating Revenue:			
2.	Basic Local Service	\$36,533	\$36,372	0.44%
3.	Network Access	37,210	36,348	2.37%
4.	Long Distance Message	1,443	1,828	-21.06%
5.	Miscellaneous	7,476	7,188	4.01%
6.	Uncollectibles	(692)	<u>(531)</u>	<u>30.32%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>81,970</u>	<u>81,205</u>	<u>0.94%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	34,547	36,265	-4.74%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	19,227	18,402	4.48%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>11.585</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>5.90%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>65,359</u>	<u>65,607</u>	<u>-0.38%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$16.611</u>	\$15,598	6.49%
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$110.950</u>	\$114.8 <b>1</b> 5	<u>-3.37%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	42.15%	44.66%	-5.62%
15.	Net Telecomm. Pit. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.35	\$1.41	-4.26%

Notes: [1] North State Communications elected price regulation in December 2002.

[3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.

<sup>[2]</sup> Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[4]</sup> Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for North Carolina regulated operations, including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2004 - \$593,658; and 2003 - \$0.

#### VERIZON SOUTH INC.

## SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)

(Amounts in Thousands)

		12 Month	Ended	Annual Growth Rate
Line		December	December	Current
No.	<u>Item</u>	2004	2003	Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Operating Revenue:			
2.	Basic Local Service	\$124,187	\$127,385	-2,51%
3.	Network Access	119,511	123,594	-3.30%
4.	Long Distance Message	2,193	3,355	-34.63%
5.	Miscellaneous	37,205	41,743	-10.87%
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(2,391)</u>	<u>(5,181)</u>	<u>-53.85%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	280,705	290,896	<u>-3.50%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	169,316	202,202	-16.26%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	74,505	73,813	0.94%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	(2.632)	<u>(414)</u>	<u>535.75%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>241,189</u>	<u>275,601</u>	<u>-12.49%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$39.516</u>	\$15.295	<u>158.36%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	\$396.523	\$428.739	<u>-7.51%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	60.32%	69.51%	-13.22%
15.	Net Telecomm. Pit. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.41	\$1.47	-4.08%

Notes: [1] Verizon South, Inc. elected price regulation in June 1996.

- [3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.
- [4] Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2004 - \$780,789; and 2003 - \$1,726,474.

<sup>[2]</sup> Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.



# State of North Carolina

### Htilities Commission

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August 8, 2005

COMMISSIONERS LORINZO L. JOYNER JAMES Y. KERR, II HOWARD N. LEE DR. ROBERT K. KOGER

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Chairman Jo Anne Sanford

Commissioner Robert V. Owens, Jr. Commissioner Sam J. Ervin, IV Commissioner Lorinzo L. Joyner Commissioner James Y. Kerr, II Commissioner Howard N. Lee Commissioner Robert K. Koger

FROM:

Donald R. Hoover, Director DRH

Operations Division

SUBJECT:

Quarterly Review Revisions

As set forth in the Order Approving Stipulation, issued in Docket No. E-22, Sub 412, dated March 18, 2005, Finding and Conclusion No. 25 required that Dominion North Carolina Power (Dominion) provide revised ES-1 Reports, recalculated to take into account the presumed regulatory assets, deferred income taxes, and amortizations set forth in Sections 10 and 11 of the Stipulation and Agreement dated March 8, 2005. In particular, in Section 10, Dominion agreed to "record and amortize for North Carolina regulatory accounting purposes (a) regulatory assets related to the North Carolina retail portion of the above-market portion of its buyouts of the LG&E, Gordonsville, Mecklenburg, Multitrade, Commonwealth Atlantic, and Panda Rosemary non-utility generation (NUG) contracts, and (b) related deferred income tax savings." And, in Section 11, for North Carolina regulatory accounting purposes, Dominion agreed to "record and amortize a regulatory asset and the related income tax savings associated with the North Carolina retail portion of Hurricane Isabel repair and restoration expenses."

On June 16, 2005, Dominion provided the Commission and the Public Staff with revised quarterly ES-1 Reports for the 12-month periods ending March 31, 2001 through March 31, 2005. Consequently, revisions to certain information contained in the *Quarterly Reviews* previously issued for quarters ended March 31, 2004, June 30, 2004, and September 30, 2004, are necessary, in order to reflect the recalculation of Dominion's North Carolina retail jurisdictional returns necessitated by the Order Approving Stipulation issued on March 18, 2005. Those changes have now been made and are reflected in the attached

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revised pages of the applicable *Quarterly Reviews*. Furthermore, data contained in *Quarterly Reviews* issued subsequent to the 12-month period ended September 30, 2004, will reflect such revisions, where applicable.

Should you have questions concerning this matter, Freda Hilburn or I will be pleased to be of assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Attachments (3)

#### DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

			1	2 Months End	ed		Ann Growth	
Line		March	March	March	March	March	Four	Current
No.	Item	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Year	Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$260,159	\$267,302	\$243,098	\$239,619	\$222,949	3.93%	-2.67%
2.	Operating Expenses:				05.047	22.700	0.000/	40 4007
3.	Fuel	46,790	42,382	46,657	35,617	32,766	9.32%	10.40%
4.	Purchased Power	55,066	61,544	44,383	51,990 0	51,802 0	1.54%	-10.53% N/A
5.	Maintenance	0	0	0	•	49,888	N/A 0.99%	8.18 <u>%</u>
6. 7.	Other Operating Expenses Total Operating Expenses	<u>51,898</u> 153,754	<u>47,974</u> 151,900	<u>52,397</u> 143,437	<u>46,559</u> 134,166	134,456	3.41%	1.22%
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8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>24,851</u>	<u>24,553</u>	<u>29,502</u>	<u>27,523</u>	<u>24.648</u>	<u>0.21%</u>	<u>1.21%</u>
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	178,605	176,453	172,939	161,689	159,104	2.93%	1.22%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>40,002</u>	40,430	32,938	<u>32,935</u>	<u>27,700</u>	9.62%	<u>-1.06%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	218,607	216,883	205,877	<u>194,624</u>	<u>186,804</u>	<u>4.01%</u>	0.79%
12.	Operating Income	\$41.552	\$50.419	\$37,221	<u>\$44.995</u>	\$36,145	3.55%	-17.59%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$551.159	\$512.589	\$418.033	\$420.024	\$405,339	7.99%	7.52%
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	59.10%	56.83%	59.00%	55.99%	60.31%	-0.51%	3.99%
15.	Net Plt, Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.12	\$1.92	\$1.72	\$1.75	\$1.82	3.89%	10.42%
16.	Number of Customers Served (000s include	ed):						
17.	Residential	96,468	95,589	94,343	92,680	91,530	1.32%	0.92%
18.	Commercial	15,161	15,142	14,636	14,356	13,945	2.11%	0.13%
19.	Industrial	79	79	87	89	91	-3.47%	0.00%
20.	Other	<u>2.254</u>	<u>2,274</u>	<u>2,141</u>	<u>2.146</u>	<u>2,147</u>	1,22%	<u>-0.88%</u>
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>113.962</u>	<u>113.084</u>	<u>111.207</u>	<u>109.271</u>	<u>107.713</u>	<u>1.42%</u>	0.78%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	1,430	1.468	1,313	1,316	1,224	3,97%	-2.59%
24.	Commercial	743	756	706	690	662	2.93%	-1.72%
25.	Industrial	1,613	1,656	1,450	1,292	1,218	7.27%	-2.60%
26.	Other	149	146	134	134	124	4.70%	2.05%
27.	Total Sales	3.935	4.026	3.603	3.432	3.228	5 08%	2.26%
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.31%	11.02%	9.09%	11.15%	8.85%	1.27%	-15.52%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	12.95%	16.09%	12.10%	15.54%	10.76%	4.74%	-19.52%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	48.63%	47.41%	46.66%	48.09%	48.18%	0.23%	2.57%
31.	Debt Ratio	46.08%	46.30%	47.01%	43.89%	42.49%	2.05%	-0.48%
32.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage							
42.	Ratio (Times)	5,51	5,43	4.30	4.85	3.92	8.88%	1.47%
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33. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns; Common Equity - N/A, Overall - N/A; Equity Ratio; N/A; Date of Order: 03-18-05

Notes:

North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue squates to 5% of total company electric utility revenue.
 Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
 Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.
 N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

<sup>[5]</sup> Pursuant to the Order Approving Stipulation issued on March 18, 2005, in Docket No. E-22, Sub 412, Dominion filed revised quarterly ES-1 Reports for the 12-month periods ended March 31, 2001 through March 31, 2005 to reflect presumed regulatory assets, deferred income taxes, and amortizations, relating to non-utility generation contract buyout costs and Hurricane Isabel repair and restoration expenses, as set forth in Sections 10 and 11, respectively, of the Stipulation and Agreement dated March 8, 2005. Columns (b), (c), (d), and (e) reflect the revised data.

#### DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

			1	2 Months End	ed		Ann Growth	
Line		June	June	June	June	June	Four	Current
No.		2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Y <u>ear</u>	Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$269,641	\$261,225	\$248,676	\$244,262	\$226,279	4.48%	3.22%
2.	Operating Expenses:	F + 000	44.000	40.040	00 700	0F 0F0	9.30%	22.47%
3.	Fuel	51,320	41,903	46,210	36,720	35,953	1.74%	-13.48%
4. 5.	Purchased Power	54,339 D	62,807 0	45,324 0	49,829 0	50,707 ດ	N/A	-13.40% N/A
6.	Maintenance Other Operating Expenses	51, <u>87</u> 0	44,063	5 <u>2,679</u>	44.688	48,997	1.43%	17.72%
7.	Total Operating Expenses	157,529	148,773	144,213	131,237	135,657	3.81%	5.89%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>25,133</u>	24,034	29,438	<u>27,000</u>	<u>24,140</u>	<u>1.01%</u>	<u>4.57%</u>
9,	Total Expenses & Depreciation	182,662	172,807	173,651	158,237	159,797	3,40%	5.70%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	42,087	<u>38,072</u>	<u>35,312</u>	40,134	<u>31,017</u>	<u>7.93%</u>	<u>10.55%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	224,749	<u>210,879</u>	<u>208,963</u>	198,371	190,814	<u>4.18%</u>	<u>6.58%</u>
12.	Operating Income	\$44.892	\$50,346	\$39.713	\$45.891	\$35.465	6.07%	<u>-10.83%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$553.069	\$518,391	\$409.272	<u>\$425.343</u>	<u>\$401.888</u>	<u>8.31%</u>	6.69%
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	58.42%	56,95%	57.99%	53.73%	59.95%	-0.64%	2.58%
15.	Net Ptt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.05	\$1,98	<b>\$</b> 1.65	\$1.74	\$1.78	3.59%	3.54%
16.	Number of Customers Served (000s included							
17.	Residential	96,899	95,876	94,521	92,680	91,075	1.56%	1.07%
18.	Commercial	15,204	15,200	14,745	14,356	13,867	2,33%	0.03%
19.	Industrial	80	79	83	89	91	-3.17%	1.27%
20.	Other	<u>2,248</u>	<u>2,264</u>	<u>2,140</u>	2,146	<u>2,170</u>	0.89%	-0.71%
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>114.431</u>	<u>113.419</u>	<u>111,489</u>	<u>109.271</u>	107.203	<u>1.64%</u>	<u>%e8.0</u>
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	1,482	1,454	1,272	1,375	1,254	4.26%	1.93%
24.	Commercial	755	749	709	702	673	2.92%	0.80%
25	Industrial	1,656	1,617	1,530	1,339	1,215	8.05%	2.41%
26.	Other	<u>152</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>4.59%</u>	<u>2.70%</u>
27.	Total Sales	<u>4.045</u>	<u>3,968</u>	<u>3.643</u>	<u>3.553</u>	<u>3.269</u>	<u>5.47%</u>	<u>1.94%</u>
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9,96%	11.02%	9,66%	11.11%	9.09%	2,31%	-9.62%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	14.40%	15.91%	13.38%	15.75%	11.26%	6.34%	-9.49%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	48.25%	48.27%	46.52%	47.16%	48.18%	0.04%	-0.04%
					45.20%	42.49%	2.73%	4.84%
31.	Debt Ratio	47.33%	45.23%	47,43%	43. <i>£</i> U%	42.4370	2.13%	4.0470
32.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	5.75	5.35	4.65	5.25	4.33	7.35%	7.48%

33. LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns: Common Equity - N/A, Overall - N/A; Equity Ratio: N/A; Date of Order: 03-18-05

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#### DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

				12 Months En	ded		Annı Growth	
Line		September	September	September	September	September	Four	Current
No.	<u>!tem</u>	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Year	Yea <u>r</u>
_	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<u>(f)</u>	(g)	(h)
1,	Operating Revenue	\$277,389	\$260,440	\$251,519	\$249,942	\$223,016	5.61%	6.51%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	54,323	41,648	47,488	39,901	34,469	12.04%	30.43%
4.	Purchased Power	53,227	60,933	46,380	49,867	48,244	2.49%	-12.65%
5.	Maintenance	52.040	47.044	0	47.750	0	N/A	N/A
წ.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>53,613</u>	47,344	<u>51.697</u>	<u>47.752</u>	47,992	2.81%	<u>13.24%</u> 7.50%
7.	Total Operating Expenses	161,163	149,925	145,565	137,520	130,705	5.38%	7.50%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>25,254</u>	<u>23,697</u>	<u>28,877</u>	<u>26,443</u>	<u>26,446</u>	<u>-1.15%</u>	<u>6.57%</u>
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	186,417	173,622	174,442	163,963	157,151	4.36%	7,37%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	46,343	<u>37,749</u>	<u>37,763</u>	<u>40,887</u>	29,098	<u>12.34%</u>	<u>22.77%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	232,760	<u>211,371</u>	212,205	204,850	<u>186,249</u>	<u>5.73%</u>	10.12%
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$44.629</u>	\$49,069	\$39,314	\$45.092	\$36,767	4.96%	-9.05%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$560,814	\$514.488	\$414.120	\$433,046	\$364.043	11.41%	9.00%
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	58.10%	57.57%	57.87%	55.02%	58.61%	-0.22%	0.92%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.02	\$1.98	\$1.65	\$1.73	\$1.63	5.51%	2.02%
16.	Number of Customers Served (000s inclu	ided):						
17.	Residential	97,217	96,206	94,873	92,680	91,530	1.52%	1.05%
18.	Commercia)	15,246	15,279	15,064	14,356	13,945	2.25%	-0.22%
19.	Industrial	79	79	83	89	91	-3.47%	0.00%
20.	Other	2,246	2.271	2,153	2,146	2,150	<u>1.10%</u>	<u>-1.10%</u>
21.	Total Number of Customers	114.788	113.835	112,173	109.271	107.716	1.60%	0.84%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	1,481	1,446	1,329	1,382	1,238	4.58%	2.42%
24.	Commercial	760	744	727	708	670	3.20%	2.15%
25.	Industrial	1,751	1,556	1,552	1,452	1,197	9.98%	12.53%
26,	Other	<u>153</u>	149	136	137	<u>129</u>	4.36%	2.68%
27.	Total Sales	4.145	3.895	3.744	3.679	3.234	6.40%	6.42%
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.69%	10.81%	9.64%	10.75%	9,50%	0.50%	-10,36%
29,	Estimated Return on Common Equity	14.19%	15.33%	13.40%	15.25%	12.07%	4.13%	-7.44%
30,	Common Equity Ratio	47.60%	49.21%	46.48%	46.26%	48.32%	-0.37%	-3.27%
31.	Debt Ratio	48.88%	44.40%	47.40%	46.46%	42.48%	3.57%	10.09%
32.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage							
	Ratio (Times)	6.02	5,42	4,93	5.17	4.36	8.40%	11.07%

33. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity - N/A, Overall - N/A; Equity Ratio: N/A; Date of Order: 03-18-05

Notes:

North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 5% of total company electric utility revenue.
 Net Plant Investment reflects not plant in service.
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August 8, 2005

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Jo Anne Sanford

> Commissioner Robert V. Owens, Jr. Commissioner Sam J. Ervin, IV Commissioner Lorinzo L. Joyner Commissioner James Y. Kerr, II. Commissioner Howard N. Lee Commissioner Robert K. Koger

Donald R. Hoover, Director DRH FROM:

Operations Division

SUBJECT: Quarterly Review Corrections

It has come to our attention that certain information previously provided for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), in the Quarterly Review for the calendar quarter ending June 30, 2004, which was provided to you by memorandum dated May 23, 2005, is in error. In particular, on Page 20, the amounts provided in Column (c), lines 17-32, relating to gas delivered in DTs for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2003, and the number of customers at June 30, 2003, were reported incorrectly. Due to an oversight, the amounts included in Column (c), Lines 17-32 were reported for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2003, rather than for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2003, as intended. In addition, the data on Line 38, pertaining to Piedmont's last rate case has been updated to reflect that Piedmont's last general rate increase was approved in 2002, rather than in 2000.

Attached is a revised Page 20 which reflects the foregoing as well as attendant changes.

We regret the inconvenience created by this oversight.

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Attachment

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# PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

			42 N	onths Ended			Ann Growth	
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Line		June	June	June	Jun <del>a</del>	June	Four	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	2004	2003	<u>2002</u>	<u> 2001</u>	<u> 2000</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(p)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<b>(f)</b>	(9)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue;							
2.	Residential	\$342,898	\$311,306	\$219,319	\$321,554	\$204,719	13.76%	10.15%
3.	Commercial	174,460	154,070	103,430	168,705	111,571	11.82%	13.23%
4.	Industrial	47,869	42,860	31,481	93,289	113,026	-19.33%	11.69%
5.	Public Authorities	400	502	477	2,651	2,778	-38.40%	-20.32%
6.	Resale	9	9	5	0	,	N/A	0.00%
7.	Other	26,690	26,424	25,158	17,998	<u> 17,712</u>	10.80%	1.01%
8.	Total Operating Revenue	592,326	<u>535,171</u>	379,870	604,197	449,806	7.12%	10.68%
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9.	Cost of Gas	384,029	<u>334.020</u>	<u>193,985</u>	<u>421,720</u>	<u>272,926</u>	<u>8.91%</u>	<u>14.97%</u>
10.	Margin	208,297	201,151	185,885	182,477	176,880	4.17%	3.55%
11.	O & M Expenses	85,118	85,584	77,892	78,504	72,245	4.18%	-0.54%
12.	Other Deductions	<u>66,378</u>	60,473	<u>56,125</u>	<u>52.245</u>	<u>53,497</u>	<u>5.54%</u>	9.76%
13.	Operating Income	\$56.801	\$55.094	\$51.868	<u>\$51.728</u>	\$51.138	2.66%	3,10%
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14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$750.197</u>	\$640.446	<u>\$612.901</u>	<u>\$584.518</u>	\$557.448	<u>7.71%</u>	<u>17.14%</u>
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	40.86%	42.55%	41.90%	43.02%	40.84%	0.01%	-3.97%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.60	\$3.18	\$3.30	\$3.20	\$3,15	3.39%	13.21%
17	Cas Delivered is DTs (200s assisted)							
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):	20.040	20.444	04.000	00.040	04.070	F 270/	0.550/
18.	Residential	30,012	32,114	24,386	28,919	24,379	5.33%	-6.55%
19.	Commercial	17,732	18,912	14,457	18,098	16,788	1.38%	-6.24%
20.	Industrial	5,831	6,123	5,473	13,662	25,775	-31.03%	-4.77%
21.	Public Authorities	41	61	61	256	387	-42.95%	-32.79%
22.	Resale	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
23.	Other	<u> 28,225</u>	<u>28,537</u>	<u>27,836</u>	<u> 17.795</u>	<u>15,463</u>	<u>16.23%</u>	<u>-1.09%</u>
24.	Total DTs	<u>81.841</u>	<u>85,747</u>	<u>72.213</u>	<u>78.730</u>	<u>82.792</u>	<u>-0.29%</u>	<u>-4.56%</u>
25.	Number of Customers (000s included);							
26.	Residential	416,457	405,923	382,924	368.814	353,527	4.18%	2.60%
27.	Commercial	45,716	44,836	42.731	41,632	40,676	2.96%	1.96%
28.	Industrial	1,456	1,487	1,488	1,685	2.007	-7.71%	-2.08%
29.	Public Authorities	821	858	1,168	1,334	5,472	-37.76%	-4.31%
30.	Resale	1	1	1,100	,,00 <del>4</del>	0,472	N/A	0.00%
31.	Other	355	353	354	351	-	102.77%	0.57%
32.						21		
<i>3</i> ∡.	Total Number of Customers	464.806	<u>453,458</u>	<u>428.666</u>	<u>413.816</u>	<u>401.703</u>	3.72%	<u>2.50%</u>
33,	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.23%	8.88%	8.64%	8.88%	9.67%	-1.16%	3,94%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	11.00%	10.09%	9.66%	10.03%	11.50%	-1.11%	9.02%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	54.51%	54,19%	52.92%	50.66%	52.65%	0.87%	0.59%
36.	Debt Ratio	45.49%	45.81%	47.08%	49.34%	47.35%	-1.00%	-0.70%
27	Estimated Bardon Internal Courses			•				
37.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.04	3.62	3.35	3.10	3,66	2.50%	11.60%

38. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.30%, Overall 9.44%; Equity Ratio: 52.66%; Date of Order: 10-28-02

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 40% of total company gas utility revenue.

<sup>[2]</sup> Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Shareholders' reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.

<sup>[4]</sup> N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

<sup>[5]</sup> Column (c), Lines 17-32 have been revised to reflect the correct amounts related to the 12-month period ending June 30, 2003. In this regard, the amounts previously published in the June 30, 2004 issue of the "Quarterly Review", erroneously, reflected amounts for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2003, rather than for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2003.

<sup>[6]</sup> Line 38 has been updated to reflect that Piedmont's last general rate increase was approved in 2002, rather than in 2000.

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